

Infectious Diseases Notification (Ireland) Bill.

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SCHEDULES.

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FOR

The Amendment of the Law relating to the Notification of A.D. 1882.
Infectious Diseases in Ireland.

WHEREAS it is desirable that due notice should be given to the sanitary authorities in Ireland of the existence of dangerous infectious diseases within their district :

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Notification of Short title.
Infectious Diseases (Ireland) Act, 1882.

10 2. This Act shall be construed as one with the Public Health Construction.
(Ireland) Act, 1878.

3. If an inmate of any building used for human habitation is suffering from any of the infectious diseases specified in Schedule A. to this Act, the person in charge of such inmate, or, if
15 such person be prevented by disease or otherwise, the occupier or any other person having the management or control of such building, shall forthwith cause notice thereof to be given, by letter or otherwise, to the sanitary authority of the district in which such building is situated, as nearly as possible in the form contained in
20 Schedule B. to this Act.

4. Every medical practitioner attending or called in to visit any person suffering from any of the diseases set forth in Schedule A. to this Act may, if he shall think fit, notify the occurrence of such case of disease to the sanitary authority of the district in which the
25 person suffering from such disease resides; and every medical
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A.D. 1892. practitioner so notifying shall forthwith fill up, sign, and deliver, or cause to be delivered, or shall transmit by post to such sanitary authority a certificate according to the form set forth in column 2 of Schedule C. to this Act, or in a form to the same effect, stating the name and place of residence of the patient, and the nature of the disease from which such patient is suffering, and shall also fill up, sign, and deliver to the person having charge of such patient, or to the person having charge of the building in which the patient resides, a further certificate in the form set forth in column 3 of Schedule C. to this Act, the production of which certificate shall be a good defence for such person against any penalties for breach of the terms of this Act.

Supply of forms and payment of fees.

5. The sanitary authority shall supply gratuitously to every registered medical practitioner resident or practising in its district, forms stamped for transmission through the post, for the certifying by such medical practitioner of the particulars herein-before mentioned of cases of infectious disease attended by him; and the medical attendant notifying the nature of the disease under the provisions of section 4 of this Act shall furnish to the person in charge of the patient, and also to the sanitary authority, the certificate herein-before provided, and the sanitary authority shall pay to every medical practitioner who shall duly furnish to it any such certificate, a fee of *two shillings and sixpence* in respect of every such certificate so furnished to it.

Power to Local Government Board to alter, add to, or amend schedules.

6. The Local Government Board may, on the representation of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland, from time to time alter or add to the list of diseases specified in Schedule A. to this Act; and may alter or amend Schedules B. and C. in such manner as the said Board may think fit.

Penalties.

7. Any person who shall neglect to give or deliver, or cause to be given or delivered, any notice required to be given under this Act, or who shall knowingly give false information concerning any of the particulars required to be given to the sanitary authority, shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding *two months*, or to a penalty not exceeding *five pounds*, to be recovered in the same manner as penalties under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Sanitary authority to make enactment known.

8. Every sanitary authority shall take all necessary means to make the provisions of this enactment generally known by causing a copy thereof to be affixed at the principal door of every church and chapel in its district to which such notices are usually affixed, and by publishing same by advertisement in some one or more of

the local newspapers circulated in its district, and by such other means as it may consider advisable.

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9. No matter or thing done in pursuance of this Act by any officer of a sanitary authority, or other person whomsoever, acting under the direction of such authority shall, if the matter or thing were done *bonâ fide* for the purpose of executing this Act, subject them, or any of them personally, to any action, liability, claim, or demand whatsoever, and any expense incurred by any such authority, officer, or other person acting as aforesaid, shall be borne or repaid out of the fund or rate applicable by such authority to the general purposes of this Act.

Protection
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SCHEDULE A.

The following shall be those diseases, termed infectious in the meaning of this Act:

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| 15 Typhus fever. | Scarlet fever or Scar- | Diphtheria. |
| Typhoid or enteric fever. | latina. | Cholera. |
| Relapsing fever. | Measles. | Whooping cough. |
| Varicella or Chicken-pox. | Erysipelas. | Puerperal fever. |
| Small-pox. | | |

SCHEDULE B.

FORM OF NOTICE BY PERSON IN CHARGE OF PATIENT.

Notification of Infectious Diseases (Ireland) Act, 1882.

- "I hereby give notice that _____ residing at _____ No. _____ street, _____ room, is, I believe, suffering from an infectious disease, which is probably"

"(Signed)

"To the Sanitary Authority of _____

" Date _____

* Supposed nature of disease to be stated.

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SCHEDULE C.

FORM OF NOTIFICATION BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

1. Notification of Infectious Disease (Ireland) Act, 1882.	2. Notification of Infectious Disease (Ireland) Act, 1882.	3. Notification of Infectious Disease (Ireland) Act, 1882.	5
This record to be retained by the notifying medical practitioner.	This certificate to be sent at once to officer of sanitary authority.	This certificate to be handed to and kept by person in charge of patient.	
Name of patient Approximate age Residing in at No.	I hereby give notice that residing in at No.	I hereby inform you that residing at No.	10
street. Disease from which patient is suffering Date	street, is suffering from an infec- tious disease which I be- lieve to be Signed, Medical practitioner in attendance. Date	street, is suffering from an infec- tious disease which I be- lieve to be and I undertake to notify the occurrence of such disease to the sanitary authority. Signed Medical practitioner in attendance. Date	15 20
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BILL

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to the Notification of Infectious
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